Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:
Virginia—Fair and colder Tuesday;
Wednesday fair; fresh westerly winds.
North Carolima—Fair Tuesday, somewhat colder in central portion; Wednesday fair; fresh west to north winds.

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RICHMOND. VA. TUESDAY. DECEMBER 25. 1900.

MARTIN'S ESCAPE WAS MIRACULOUS

Crushed Under a Car, But Still Lives.

POLICE USED CLUBS.

Officers Come to Injured Man's Res-

MAY COST HIM HIS SIGHT.

Poperackers Deliberately Fired In Pedestrian's Face and Blindness May Result-The Blade Was Used-Casualties of Christmas Evc.

That William Martin, of Bartor Heights, was not instantly killed last night all witnesses agree was a miracle At an early hour this morning Martin still lived, with his left side, face, body and leg a mass of bruises and contusions. He is also seriously injured internally,

From all accounts no blame can be altached to the crew of the car. It seems that Martin, who was in the crowd gathcred at Seventh and Broad Streets about 10:30 last night, attempted to board Car 59 of the Cakwood line, west bound. He attempted to get on the front platform. and on the left side, but missed his foot ing and was thrown under the fender.
The man's body was caught by the beam supporting the platform, and this alone saved him from being crushed beneath the wheels. The car was backed and Martin was taken out from under the fender. The city ambulance was summoned, and Dr. W. Armistead Gills dressed his injuries, later removing him to the Cry Hospital, where he now lies in a precarious

ital, where we now ondition.

The car was in charge of Materman G.

Lochr and Conductor R. H. Thomas.

Internal Lochr says that he did not see the homome aware that some Motorman Lochr says that he did not see Martin, and only became aware that some-thing was wrong when he felt the car dragging some object, rie stopped imme-diate, and a colored man in the crowd yelled "Man under the car." This was a signal for a general stampede among the merrymakers, and when Martin was taken out from under the car he and his bearers were almost crushed by the crowd. A

out from under the ear he and his bedrers were minost crushed by the crowd. A squad of police were there and used their chabs effectively. Finally "breathing space" was procured for Martin.

W. G. Johnson, residing at No. 896 North Twenty-sixth Street, and George C. Anderson, of No. 815 Mossiy Street, were among the eye-witnesses of the accident. They exonerate Motorman Loehr of sall blame.

MAY LOSE HIS SIGHT.

The ambulance had a very busy evening of it yesterday, One of the saddest cases treated was that of a man named Corbett, a Cuban by birth. He has been residing in Richmond, and is a fancy papercutter. It seems that a white boy deliberately fired a pop-cracker in his face. As the result, the sight of both eyes may be lost.

lost.

The young man was taken into Briggs' drug store, at Pirst and Broad Streets, and Dr. Gills, in charge of the ambulance, reached him about 11 o'clock, Mr. Corbett was taken to the City Hospital, where he is being treated. He is suffering great pain.

The ambulance was called at 3:55 P. M. to No. 668 West Cary Street. Mary Jones of Streets of Streets and Parkers from a lienorrhage. (colored) was suffering from a hemorrhage. She was removed to her residence, on Hickory Street. THE TURKEY SAFE.

There was a can a sure of the first Police Station. A while man named Butler had been to the market and bought a turkey. On his way home he was knocked down by a wagon and painfully hurt. He was treated and he painfully hurt. He was treated and he and the turkey were taken to his home, No. 905 North Twenty-sixth Street.
Susans Warren, at Second and Duval, broke her analle. She was taken to her frome, No. 612 North Sixth Street.
There was a call to Ewell's drug store, near Seventh and Broad, at 9, P. M. Wm. Randolph had a fainting spell. He was sent to his home near the New Reserveir.

Reserveir. USED THE BLADE.

Wm. Brown (colored), cut and slashed Wm. Harris, at Second and Canal, at 9:25. Harris was twated and sent At 10:25 there was a call to No. 210 East Broad. John James had been hurt

bar-room. He was treated and left.

### CONGER HAS SIGNED.

The Exact Position of Our Government

Set Forth.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Minister Conger, at Pekin, announcing that he had signed the agreement reached by the forcign ministers, but had done so with a written explanatory statement setting forth the exact position of his Govern-

The text of the statement is not for warded by Mr. Conger, but it is under-stood to be based upon the last instruction received from the department, which while disapproving the inclusion in the agreement of some of the more severe language, accepted it as the best arrange-ment that could be made at this time.

#### WAGON SERVICE.

An Inspector to Look Into the Matter in Richmond,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WASHINGTON, December 24.—The
wagon contracts for the delivery of mall
in Richmond have not yet been awarded
by the Postoffice Department and the announcement was made this morning that an inspector would be sent to Rich mond to go over the ground and make a personal investigation of the service there, in order to reach a clear understanding of the situation. It is thought that the contracs will be in shape for pub lication the latter part of the week.

#### WANT CANADIANS.

Inducements Offered Them to Joiu Mounted Police.

Mounted Police.

(By Associated Press.)

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 24.—The Colonial Office is anxious to get as many Canadians as possible to join Baden-Powell's Transvaal mounted police. If 1,000 Canadians volunteer for this service it is the intention of the imperial Government to offer ten capitalnoise and fifteen lieutenancies in force to qualified officers of the Canadian militia.

The pay for men is five shillings per

day from the date of landing in Cape Town, with free transportation from Canada to South Africa.

ANOTHER KENTUCKY "SOCIAL." Two Men Killed and Two Others Wounded in Fight. (By Associated Press.)

LONDON, KY., Dec. 24.—Two men were killed and two wounded at Faris Distil-lery, in Clay county, twelve miles from here, late yesterday.

Four members of the Sizemore family on one side and Henry Barrett and W. H.

on one side and fremly parrett and W. H. Young on the other engaged in a desperate light. Young and one of the Sizemores were killed, and two of the Sizemores were probably fatally wounded. An old feud was the cause of the trouble.

Here's Another.

MIDDLEBORO, KY., Dec. 24.—Gillis Johnston was shot and killed by Charles Wilcox, of Harlan county, to-day, Wil-cox was slightly wounded, Johnston was shot four times, death being instan-

Johnston is reputed to have killed three

#### UNABLE TO PAY.

Economy Savings Bank, Baltimore, in Receiver's Hands. (By Associated Press,)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.-Judge Stockbridge to-day appointed Daniel L. Brinton receiver for the Economy Savings Bank, which closed its doors on Saturday. Mr. Brinton furnished bond in \$25,000. The bank officers say they are unable to pay the claims. President Hartman says the bank has 3.063 depositors, with ays the bank has 3,063 depositors, with eposits amounting to \$343,000.

## Telegraphic Brevities.

LEWES, DEL., Dec. 21.—The cargo of lumber of the schooner N. S. Stainer (be-fore reported aground) is being landed at Point of Capes. The hull and material will be sold on the 27th instant. Kitchener After Dewet.

(By Associated Press,)
CAPE TOWN, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener
has arrived at De Aur, Cape Colony, and
is taking measures to crush the Bocr in-

#### MacDonald May Recover. (By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—At the coroner's inquest in the case of Frank H. Morris, auditor of the Treasury for the War Department, who was killed Saturday by Samuel MacDonald, to-day, a verdict was that Morris had come to his death by reason of a pistol shot wound innected by MacDonald.

MacDonald, who is in a precarious condition at the Emergency Hospital suffering from self-inflicted wounds after killing Morris, is somewhat improved and has a chance to recover.

# PROTEST AGAINST FRANCE'S ACTION

#### United States' Exhibit Laid Under Embargo at Hayre and Damages May be Asked.

(By Associated Press )

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Thirty cars, forming part of the United States Government exhibit at the recent Paris Exposition, were suddenly laid under embargo to-day at Havre, the railroad company declining to surrender them pending payment of a claim of 5,710 francs.

This extraordinary action, seriously delaying the departure of the United States ixiliary cruiser Prairie from Havre for New York with the Government exhibits. was made the subject of a formal protest to the French Government by United

States Ambassador Porter.

The company bases its claim on demurrage charges on freight into the cars when the goods were brought to the Ex-position for installation.

Some time ago the claim was submitted and Major Brackett, secretary of the American Commission, three-stighted it and concluded that it had no foundation some of: the cars charged as some of the cars charged against the American Government never contained official exhibits, while the others were cars utilized by private exhibitors, and not therefore chargeable to the United States. Major Brackett thereupon endeavored to secure a settlement, but without avail. The matter depends of the property of the summer. ter dragged along through the summer, the secretary of the American Commis-sion repeatedly expressing his willnessness to settle any just claim against the United States. The company left the case in an unsatisfactory condition, and finally embargoed the cars.

When Major Brackitt was informed by the United States agent at Havre he wired him instructions to pay to the comcany 500 francs in the presence of the egal authorities, and at the same time enter a claim against the company for 10,francs as damages for obstruction and

"Last summer the company submitted a bill of 32.782 francs for freight charges against the commission." he said to-day, "and pressed for payment, Pending an explanation of certain items, I paid 25,000 francs on account at the same time asking for details. When these were furnished, I discovered that the commission had been charged with 4.193 francs, which have been charged to the Campagnie Gen-rale Translatique, while 4.110 francs should have been charged to private exhibitors. The company is, therefore, obliged the make a rebate."

To-morrow being a holiday there will no loading of the Prairie. The cars be released by the payment of the

Should Wednesday not bring a satisfac-tory solution, Major Brackitt will probable pay the rest of the daim under protest in order not to delay further the sating of the Prairie. At the same time he will enter an additional claim for damages. MORE TROUBLE.

MORE TROUBLE.

Some trouble also arose with Philip
'reces, the contractor, who built the
National Pavillion. He wrote the American Commission December 16th, saying
that the last fetter from Commissioner-General Peck was not satisfactory, and asking when the building would be turned over to him for demolition. Two days later he notified the commission that he intended to take possession and begin destruction immediately. He in turn was informed that the building would be placed under his control December 20th. and at a formal meeting he was notified that the commission would remove cer-tain furnishings not survoised by him, a emposition to which he apparently did not

Saturday night, while the American cus-

(Continued on Second Page.)

## CHRISTMAS EVE SAMOANS LIKE ON BROAD STREET

Usual Noisy Crowd Was High Praise Given by the Department Will Make Out Last Evening.

Their Fun.

CELEBRATION OF THE DAY.

It Will Be a General Holiday-Services In the Churches-Hotels Will Give Big Dinners-People in Prisons Will be Handsomely Treated, Gifts Made by Firms and Individuals,

The usual Christmas eve scene was witnessed on Broad Street last night. There were thousands of promenuders. Old and oung and middle-aged were in the throng. Men and women, boys and girls marched up and down this great thorough-

Tin horns were in the hands, or rather n the Capitol Square after the first frost. Men, boys and even girls, carried cowbells and rang them, to the great amuse ment of a number of the promenaders

A large majority of the people were out for a good time, and they had it. There were some, very many in fact, who turned out to make their Christmas purcheyes, and the noisy, not to say disorderly, crowd

made it unpleasant to the most of them to be on the street.

There was a good deal of what might be termed disorder, but it was of that character always witnessed on Christmas-eve. The stores did a thriving business. The crowd did not begin to disperse until about 11 o'clock.

THOUGHT OF TRAIN CREW. Captain J. A. Thompson, of the Fred-ricksburg accommodation, and Capt. C. G. Blakey, of the Ashland accommodation, have each received handsome silver-mounted umbrelias, with their initials en-graved thereon, as Christmas gifts from passengers who travel regularly on

neir train. Baggagemasters B. Cates, of the Fred-icksburg train, and John Rateliffe, of the Ashland train, each received a pair (elk skin, lamb's-woot-lined gloves. Engineers H. T. Perdue and W. C. Junt and Firemen E. C. Prince and L. (a. Lane each received a box of fine ci-

AT THE AMESHOUSE.

Superintendent Davis has gotten up an alaborate programme for the entertain-nent of the inmates of the Almshouse on light of the 27th. Those who will take

part are:

Mandy B. Ramos, lardella's Band, C.
H. Phillips, Hon. S. L. Kelly, Miss
Rosalle Pettis, Miss Ethel Ragland, Mrs.
W. U. Yeamans, Mister Freddie Evensen,
Harvey Simpson, Miss Florence Anderson, Miss Grace Jones, Fulton Quartette,
Mat McDougall, Miss M. J. Teefey, Samnel R. Crowder, Miss Kate E. Puller, J.
Stewart Hopkins, Miss Naumle Pegram,
W. Reghald Walker, Jos. La Fratta, S.
Haw Ragland, Tony Pacine and Claude B.
Davis, Miss Annie Flitzgerald, Mrs. Nora
Morgan and Miss Ella dryant, Eugene Morgan and Miss Ella Bryant, Eugene

TO STREET-CAR MEN.

The Richmond Traction Company yes erday sent out turkeys and plum pud ling to its motormen and conductors. In addition to this all of the Fira me: will be put on duty to-morrow, so that the regular men may have plenty of time in which to eat their Christmas dinners with their families. They will be paid the usual price of a day's work, the extra time being at the expense of the

company.

While everybody almost is receiving Christmas presents, it is a matter of solace to the inmates of the penitentiary lace to the inmates of the penitentiary that they are not being forgotten. Hundreds of packages and boxes went to the institution for the prisoners yesterday and Saturday, and their hearts were made glad. These came from friends and relatives, and in some instances from charity institution; bent 4 pon #ghtenary the burdens of the unfortunates confined within the prison walls.

Large packages of candy were given the men and girls employed at the Allen & Ginter Branch.

At the Postoffice.

At the Postoflice.

The post-office has been doing an enormous business during the last few days. It is remarkable how the mail is so promptly handled, A Times reporter was shown through the interior of the was shown through the interior of the office to-day. There was almost a carload of packages of all sizes and shapes piled upon the floor, and carriers were working like beavers filling their satchels

working face teachers and with them for delivery.

Postmaster Knight explained that many more parcels than were in this pile had been delivered during the day.

One may gather an idea of the business done when it is stated that eighty-six pouches of mail were received on one train

Sunday. The outgoing mail is as heavy as that coming in. The express company is doing an un-

usually large Christmas business, and is delivering packages with remarkable promptness.

## UNCLE SAM'S COINAGE.

President Taft Wants Our Money In the Philippines. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-President Taft, of the Philippine Commission, has come forward with another suggestion for the settlement of the Philippine currency question which is now pressing urgently for adjustment. He discards the former plans of coining something like a dollar and of maintaining by the dollar and of maintaining by the credit of the United States a fixed ratio between the Mexican dollar and American gold and proposes to adopt United States money, pure and simple, as the money of

the Philippines.

He points out that radical as is this He points out that the same as a six this move, it must be made sooner or later, if the islands are to remain under the control of the United States, and that delay only serves to aggravate the confusion of the systems.

# OUR GOVERNMENT

Chief to Gov. Tiley.

TIN HORNS AND BELLS MATAAFA NOW OUT TELL THEIR STORY.

Old and Young and Middle-Aged Had Orders Chiefs on Tutuila to Bring Him Tribute.

INVITATION WHICH IS RESENTED

by the Government of Certain Costly Tribal Usages that are Very Inconvenient to the People-The Abarenda Goes To New Zealand For Repairs,

(Associated Press Correspondence.) TUTUILA, SAMOA, Dec. 21.-Governor Tiley has gone to New Zealand with the Abarenda to get supplies of coal and to have the ship repaired. Previously Govenor Tiley made official visits to all th fistricts. He was accompanied by Judge E. W. Guerr, secretary for native affairs District meetings were held at the leading

At these meetings all the native offi-cials, native chiefs and talking men were present. Highest tributes of praise and thanks were unanimously given by the people to Governor Tiley and to the United States Government for the protection now NATIVE RECOMMENDATION.

At each district meeting the Samoans passed resolutions recommending to the Government the presentation of the fol-

lowing laws:

1. The raising of revenues by taxing Samoans for native affairs.

2. The abolishment of the custom of presenting large numbers of fine mats and property at marriages and deaths for distribution among the friends attending the marriage or a funeral rite.

3. The prohibition of the custom of a whole village or district taking a Malaga (journey) and billeting themselves on other towns and districts for an indefinite period. Some trouble has been caused by the differences and disputes between the local missionary societies, one of which

ocal missionary societies, one of which is the Mormon. It has become necessary to enact a law enabling a settlement of disputes, and a Sunday ordinance is now MATAAFA OFF HIS PERCH. Mataafa, of Upola, does not seem to realize that the German Government has

realize that the German Government has supreme control of the Government of Upda and Sath, and that the United States has that of Tutnila. He has written a letter to the chiefs of Tutnila, inviting them to attend a gathering of the whole of the Samoan Government at his place on Mullimen, in Upda, and to bring presents, which may be construed as tributal. The Tutulia has strongly resented the invitation.

BACK TAXES. The United States authorities are collect ing the back taxes prior to the hoisting of the flag at Apia. The money contributed by the Maliaton and Matanfa is in Apia, and there is some dispute as to the matter of naving it but.

of paying it out.

The German Government wishes to handle the whole through their treasury, hough there are many natives now un-ler American protection who are to re-selve a considerable share of the money.

#### THE SHOCK TOO GREAT.

Miss Rohrback Prostrated By Witnessing Tragedy. (By Associated Press.)

HALLIDAYSBURG, PENN., Dec. 24.-Miss Juniata Rohrbach, an employe of the Auditor's office of the War Depart ment, has been brought to her home in this city in an acute stage of nervous collapse that is likely to prove fatal. Miss Robrbach was near the desk of Auditor Frank H. Morris when Mac-Donald entered and shot him. The shock of the tragedy was too much for the young woman's nerves.

#### The McDonough Launched. (By Associated Press.)

EAST BRAINTREE, MASS., Dec. 24. The torpedo-boat destroyer McDonough was launched at the works of the Fore River from Company to-day amid the ring-ing of bells and the blowing of whistles. Mrs. Lucy Charlotte McDonough Read, of Philaddiphia, christened the vessel with

champagne.

The new boat was taken down the river to the Quincy works of the company.

# FEDERAL PARTY IN PHILIPPINES

An Address to the Natives and Message of Good Will Sent to President McKinley.

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, Dec. 24.-The Federal party has decided upon a new organization, and to-day published in the Spanish and Filipino evening papers an address to the

"The number of Filipinos who are convinced that the time for peace has come, increases daily," stays the address, "The object of the Federal party is the reunion of all Filipinos who truly wish for peace and who are disposed to work for it. It means to those who will attempt to appeals to those who will attempt to appeals to those who will attempt to attain for the Fullippines the greatest number of liberties under the application of the American Constitution.

"We call ourselves the Federal party because, under American sovereignty, the righteous apprations of the Fullipinos will be to form a party that

will be to form a part of the American Federation as States of the Union." The Executive Committee has cabled president McKinley, announcing that the organization has been perfected and tendering an expression of good will.

Copies of the address have been sent into the provinces. The new paragraph on the platform declaring for American recognition of the legality of some detailone by the authorities of the insurgent government is in conformity with precedents established during the reconstruction period following the Civil War in the United States.

# THE AMENDMENTS GO TO ENGLAND

No Representations.

Negotiations Will Lapse Over Into Another Century.

REACH THERE BY THE NEW YEAR.

British Government Has Given No In

dication of Its Purpose in Regard to Amended Treaty-Nicaraguan Minister Will Not Discuss It, but Points Out Unlikely Points of Opposition.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The State Department has decided to send the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote two channels, one copy being transmitted to Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassa dor, and the other through Ambassador Choate, at London, who will present it to

It is the understanding that the State Department will make no representations whatever as to the changes made in the treaty; the Senate amendments will be allowed to speak for themselves, and allowed to speak for themselves, and the action of the Department in notifying them to the British Government will be purely formal. As the papers leave New York on to-morrow's mail steamer, they should reach London about New Year's Day, so that the negosiations certainly will lapse over into the next century at the very earliest.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

The British Government has not up to this time given the slightest indication as to its purpose on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it is understood that the subject will not be taken up by the British Cabinet until the draft of the amended instrument and the advices of the

rmended instrument and the advices of the British Ambassador at Washington are

The general results have been briefly summarized in cablegrams to the London authorities, but in a matter of this mag-nitude they would not act until they were the nessession of all the letters. nitude they would not act until they were in possession of all the data by mail.

The Nicaraguan Minister, Mr. Corea, was asked to-day as to the report that he had protested in behalf of Nicaragua against the amended form of the treaty. He said he did not care to discuss the matter in its present stage. But he polated out the unlikelihood that Nicaragua and Bosta Rica would protest while the matter was one of domestic policy.

TIME ENOUGH TO CONSIDER. LaTer co., if it assumed the concret form of a proposition to be submitted to Nicaragua and Costa Rica, it would be for them to say whether at was acceptable or not, but in the meantime it was hardly likely that there would be any protest or other action concerning a subject in its creative stages in this country and in Great Britain, and not yet before Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

It also can be stated, not on Mr. Corea's authority, but as a fact, that the Nicaraguan Government has not, up to this time, defined its attitude on the amended document. orm of a proposition to be submitted to

OTHER INTERESTS.

OTHER INTERESTS.

Mr. Corea forwarded it with full advices, but as the Semate acted only a few days ago, there has not yet been time for the paper to go before President Zelaya's Cabinet, and even then, as Mr. Corea has pointed out, it is doubtful whether Nicaragua will assert her position in advances of preceiving overtures as to the vance of receiving overtures as to the

It appears to be the accepted view, how-It appears to be the accepted view, however, in Central American quarters, that the Senate confined its amendments to the interests of the United States, and the other maritime countries must take into consideration the vital interests of those countries having a water way through their territory.

#### THE HOLY DOOR CLOSED.

Magnificent Spectacle Witnessed by Crowds.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, December 24.-The Pope to-day performed the ceremony of closing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Cathedral with the gorgeous forms usual to great functions of this kind. It was a magnif-

icent spectacle. There was a great gathering of the Princes of the Church, who participated in the ceremony, which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

The closing of the Holy Door took place

with the utmost pemp of the Catholic Church. His Hollness descended to St. Peter's Cathedral at 11 o'clock this morn-ing, and the ceremony lasted until 1 P. M. The Pope then returned to his apart M. the Pope then retained to his apare-ments, apparently not fatigued.

He intoned Te Deum in a resonant voice, and throughout gave evidence of being in excellent health and spirits. He used the artistic golden trowel subscribed

for by the Catholics of the world in mortaring the three glided bricks, which he placed as a first layer on the threshold of St. Peter's door.

The whole Pontifical Court participated

in the ceremonies. The spectacle inside the vast Basilica was superb. The pillars of the central nave were draped with gold embroidered scarlet cloth, and the porch under which the function took place was transformed into a mignificently decorated hall. On the left of the Holy Door was erected the Pontifical throne, covered with red and gold. On the right hand of the door stood tribunes for royal personages, goor stood tribunes for toyar personages, princes, Knights of Malta, prelates, representatives of the Roman nobility and other distinguished persons. Inside the church every inch of space was occupied by the throng, which gathered early in the morning. the morning.

A strong detachment of troops, stationed

in the square in front of the cathedral. ontrolled the incoming crowds, who literally raced to secure the best positions.

The Pope left his apartments at 11:45
A. M., borne in the sacred chair, and
preceded with lighted candles, bishops,

rehbishops and cardinals, and escorted by the Pontifical noble guards. On his arrival at the portal of St. Peter's he alighted and entered the church through the Holy Door. As he appeared on the threshold the solemn and silvery tones of the trumpet echoed through the edi-fice. The Chapter of the Vatican met him and presented to him holy water, with which he sprinkled the congregation. A religious was observed which attended the

knelt before the most precious relies of the Catholic Church, which were displayed on the altar. Then the procession reformed and proceeded to the Chapel Sacrament, where the Pontif again knelt for some time, while the choir of the Sistene Chapel chanted Psalms. The Pope was then borne to the Holy Door, where he alighted from the Sedia Gestatoria and waited until the entire procession had passed out through the door, he leaving the Church last and walked to the throne, where he seated himself.

A number of sacred songs were sung by the Papal choir, after which Leo arose and blessed all the material employed in closing the door. Then he descended from the throne, knelt before the door, and laid with the golden trowel a layer of cement, on which he placed three gilt bricks, bearing commemorative inscriptions. Beside the bricks he placed a casket containing gold, silver and bronze medals and bearing the head of Leo and inscriptions recording the opening and closing of the Holy Door.

The Pape laying reascended the throne.

Door.
The Pope, having reascended the throne. Cardinal Bishop Serafina Vannutelli, great penitentiary and four other cardinals, performed a similar ceremony of laying cement and three bricks, after which the masons, employed by the Vatican, closed the doorway with a canvas screen, painted to represent marble, with a cross in the centre.

The candles borne by the clergy were extinguished, the Te Deum was sung, and

extinguished, the Te Deum was sung, and the Pontiff, having given solemn bene-diction, was immediately carried back to his apartments.

It is estimated that elgity thousand persons were spectators of the ceremony.

CLAIMS AGAINST US-

German Subjects Want Remuneration

For Damages. WASHINGTON, December 21.—The Gernan Embassy has laid before the State Department the claims of a number o German subjects for damages to their nterests in Cuba, as a result of the Spanish American War and the insurrection which led up to the war itself, This raised most important issue, and the depart-ent has concluded that the United ates Government cannot accept respon-bility for the claims. They are regarded practically the same in principle as a claim of Porto Rico against Cuba for

20,00,00 on account of a war loan.
Although in that case Governor Allen,
of Porto Rieo, represented the United
states tovernment in preferring the
laim, that Government was obliged to

deny its liability or the liability of Cuba under present conditions.

The answer to the German presentation will be based upon the reply to Governor Allen recently made.

It is known that other Governments be-

It is known that other Governments beside Germany have claims aggregating a
very large sum all based on the Cuban insurrection and succeeding events. They
will not be aisundened on account of the
attitude of the United States Government, but probably will be held in abeyance until such time as the island shall
have become inpendent, when they will
be presented directly to the government
of the island.

## NOTE OF POWERS IS CRITICISED

Accusations Against Emperor and Empress Dowager are Unfounded Branch Line to Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2k-The roye Vremyn sherply criticises the joint note of the Powers to China as being too long to produce effect. It says the acusations against the Emperor and Dowager Empress are unfounded and that

the accusation that Prince Tuan is alone responsible for the treachery is ridiculous.

The paper adds: Rulers sometimes betray country, but treason toward foreign Pow-ers is a new conception. The statement in the ultimatum that the troops will not

cepted cannot mean Russia, who roops have already variated Pe Chi Li, whereas Manchurian affairs do not con-ern the Powers. The note will not bring peace. The Powers, possibly, repent not having imitated Russia's example."

The Minister of the Interior has started from St. Petersburg, and the Minister of War has left Yalta to meet the returning

withdrawn before the conditions as

War has left Yalta to meet the returning troops at the Odessa. M. DeWittee, the Minister of Fimance, is expected there January 16th, according to the Possye.

A special dispatch to the Novoye Vremya from Vhadvostock says the exploitation of the principal Manchurian railroad line and the construction of a branch line to Port Arthur will be turned over to the Government. Russia has always carefully insisted that the Manchurian railroad enterprise was purely the affair of a

road enterprise was purely the affair of a Russian private corporation.

The news, if true, is of great importance politically. The same correspondent wires that the demobilization is enied everywhere in Manchuria.

Baron Kaulhars is distributing the rail-

road protective guard along the route. The Chinese population along the rail-road is suffering from famine. The Rus-sians, up to the present, have had plenty of supplies.

#### MR. COOKE PROMOTED.

Made Traffic Manager of New York Philadelphia and Norfolk Italiway. (By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 21.-At meeting of the Board of Directors of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Rail-road Company in this city to-day, R. B. Cooke was promoted to the newly exist. lished position of traffic manager inside position of traine manager of enlarged duties. He will be in charge of all matters relating to the passenger and freight business of the company. This appointment is to take effect from January 1st, and Mr. Cooke's office will remain in Norrolk.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 24.—In the Probate Court to-day depositions were taken in the action of Mrs. H. B. Plant taken in the action of Mrs. If. B. Pant against ex-Judge Lynde Harrison, in the celebrated Plant will case. Judge Harri-son is one of the executors of the will of Mr. Plant, who left about \$17,000,000. An effort is being made in behalf of Mrs. Plant to have the will probated in this State, instead of New York, in order to increase the amount coming to Mrs. Plant.

Another Revolution.

(By Associated Press.) CURACOA, DUTCH GUIANA, Dec. 24.fice. The Chapter of the Vatican met him and presented to him holy water, with which he sprinkled the congregation. A religious was observed which attended the grandeur and the impressiveness of the moment.

Borne on the Sedia Gestatoria to the high altar, he stepped to the ground and

# THE VOLUNTEERS MUST REMAIN

Until Congress Enacts Army Legislation.

THE NEED URGENT.

Thought That the Bill Will be Passed at Early Date.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN

Except the Nine Thousand Whose Transportation Has Been Provided For No Nurther Action Will Be Taken Until Congress Passes Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-As a result of conference between the Secretary of War and Quartermaster-General Ludington, it has been decided that no further ection can be taken with regard to the eturn of the volunteers from the Philpines until Congress shall make pro vision for their replacement,

The War Department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of Congress to make provision before the recess for the

General MacArthur, the department has concluded that it is assolutely necessary to maintain an army of 80,000 men in the Fhilippines until the current policy of establishing municipal governments throughout the archipelago has been executed, it is stated at the department that any reduction of the military strength below that figure under existing conditions would undoubtedly prove most disastrous to the interests of the United States.

There are now about 69,000 troops, regulars and volunteers, in the Philippines, and arrangements have been made for bringing home 9,000 of that number. No further reduction will be made until the War Department is advised fully of the purpose of Congress with regard to army War Department is advised fully of the purpose of Congress with regard to army legislation. When the necessary authority has been given it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as possible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of calistment expire on the 7th of June next, but not before it is possible to replace them man. ossible to replace them man for

possible to replace them man for man with new recruits enlisted under the terms of the new army bill.

It, therefore, appears that riter the 9,000 volunteers have left the Pullbpines no more troops will be withdrawn from that country until they can be relieved by fresh troops recruited in the United States a coordinate with Larghafton yet.

event, it is said at the War Department, it will not be possible to get the fresh troops to the Fhilippines inside of two months' time. The general home-coming movement of the mass of volunteers, therefore, will have to be postponed until about the first of February. That will give the Quartermister's Department but five months' time to bring home the remainder of the volunteers and the regular troops whose terms will expire at the same time, aggregating about 40,0000 men, before the first of July.

THE TRANSPORTS.

This undertaking is believed to be beyond

of the transport at present organized, and may necessitate at present organized, and may necessate the charter of additional steamships. All arrangement in that line, however, will be held in obeyance until definite information has been received of the intention of Congress with regard to the proposed

these techniques to the French and party and members of the French and Italian Embassies and of the Japanese Legation. Her rendition of the part was warmly Her rendition of the part was warmly applauded.

There has been such a demand to see Supho that the management has postponed until Saturlay night the production of Magnata, which would be produced by Miss Nethersole in the English version, the last three days of the week for the

No Times To-Morrow. In order that all the employes of this paper may enjoy a Christmas holiday,

SUMMARY OF TU-DAY'S NEWS.

-Crushed under car, but lives -Pop-cracker may cost him his sight.
-Christmas-Eve on Broad Street.
-Exercises at Laurel School.

-Dr. Strange to preach.
-Died while he slept. General. -A negro kills another who has him

Lynchburg.

—A head-on collision on the Roanoke
Southern in the darkness.

—Tug and barges go ashore near Smith's

-Federal party in Manila organize. They publish address to Filipinos and tender McKinley expression of good will.

relief of the military situation in the Philippines. Acting upon representations made by

NO FURTHER REDUCTION.

States in accordance with legislation yet to be chacted.
It is said that Congress will act promptly on the army bill soon after it reassembles in January, but even in that event, it is said at the War Department.

increase in the regular army.

Recent cable advices from General Mac-Arthur indicate a strong desire on the part of the volunteers generally to return to the United States, and that comparatively few of them are tkely to reenlist without the most liberal inducements are offered.

It is understood that General MacArthur has recommended that a bounty of \$250 be allowed to each soldier in the Philippines who re-enlist for another term, and the plan is said to meet with the favor the efficies of the Wer Department.

of the officials of the War Department.

Sapho Proves a Hit. (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, December 21.—Miss Olga Nethersole appeared at the National
Theatre to-night in Supho to a packed

the last three days of the week, for the list time in this country.

The Times will not print an edition to-

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-Female convict makes her escape,

The Pope officiates at the ceremonies of closing the Holy Door.

British Government has not indicated its purpose regarding the Hay-Pauncefots

treaty.

-Russian papers sharply criticise the joint note of the Powers.

Island.